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Honorable Lane Dwinell  
Governor of New Hampshire  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire

My dear Governor:

Thanks for your letter of November 1. You were quite right in not executing the Interstate Compact on Juveniles in view of the variety of changes, both procedural and substantive, which occurred in the New Hampshire enactment as compared with the enactments by the other states. What appears to have happened is that in some manner the New Hampshire legislative bill followed the tentative draft of the compact as it was presented to the Interstate Conference which met last January to make final perfecting changes. As revised, the compact was widely circulated to the states by this office with a notation that it superseded all earlier drafts (there had been five preliminary versions worked on during the previous year) and that only the final draft should be introduced. While it is too bad that this will occasion a certain amount of delay in New Hampshire's becoming a party to this compact, there will be a whole flock of other states coming in "on the second wave" of enactments at the 1957 sessions so no great harm will be done if the legislature re-enacts the uniform version at that time.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

B. E. CRIMFIELD  
Eastern Representative

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cc: Louis Wyman

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